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Dominion Incorporation in 1914

To become a member it is essential to be descended on the male or female side from a United Empire Loyalist.
Membership Solicited.

Patron: The DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., P.C., &c.
Govenor General of Canada, Ottawa

PRESIDENT - LT.-COL. A. E. BELCHER

TORONTO. Oct 10 1917

My Dear Sir

In my reading in Dr Frazers History of Canada I found that you were of United Empire Loyalist Stock You may be aware that we have an organization here in Toronto: with a goodly membership and we are most anxious to increase it as far as possible We would feel honoured and it would give us added strength to have your name on our books and perhaps an occasional visit from you and you might as well as other prominent men give us an address at one of our monthly luncheons We have promises from Sir George Foster Judge Coatsworth Sir Adam Beck Sir Wm Hearst Justice Riddle and others during the winter months to this end Kindly favour us with at least becoming a member I have a promise from the Duke of Devonshire who as you will see by the heading is our Patron, for a social visit at which we would be glad to have you present Meanwhile believe me all Sincerely to remain Most Courteously Yours

To President Faulkner
Toronto University

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October 16th, 1917

Lt.-Colonel A. E. Pelcher,

President, United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada.

My dear Colonel Pelcher:

I have to thank you for your letter inviting me to become a member of the United Empire Loyalists Association and also to give an address at one of the monthly meetings of the Association. With regard to my descent and qualifications I am afraid that I cannot call myself a Loyalist, as the only Loyalist blood I had was on my grandmother's side and three-fourths of me are Scotch, therefore it would not be proper to call myself, though I had Loyalist blood in me, a Loyalist. However, I shall be glad to give an address to the Association, if you would like to have me speak to you some time in the course of the winter. After Christmas would be most convenient for me, but I can probably suit myself to what would fit in best with your other arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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October 24th, 1917

Lt.-Colonel A. E. Belcher,

United Empire Loyalist Association,

Toronto.

My dear Colonel Belcher:

I have just received your kind letter together with your poems and patriotic verses. I have not yet had time to read them, but I shall take them with me this afternoon when I hope to be able to read them.

I am sorry that November 6th is not a good night for me as that is a week in which my engagements are so numerous that I cannot safely make another, but if you will put me down for some night in the month following, or after the New Year, I shall be glad to endeavour to make my arrangements fit in with the convenience of the society. I take it that you meet on a Thursday night.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

TORONTO.

October 27
1917

My dear Sir Robert

I highly value the interest you have displayed in our Organization namely the United Empire Loyalists And I very much appreciate your willingness to favour us at some future date I say at our December meeting which D.V. will be held the second thursday in the month I like to give the members timely notice so that they and others (as I invite some prominent persons to be present) may make needed arrangements Our Lady members. and they are in the majority. are very active in good works, along patriotic lines and are still keeping busy. would like to meet you As well as having your name in our list of members as men of prominence give some tone and attraction to gatherings I have lately seened Sir Percy Sherwood Major Saul Macdonald Lady Hughes &c On the occasion of His Excellency. The Duke's visit to us. I would much desire your presence some evening before the new year. I think I will be able to secure Sir Adam Beck or Sir Wm Hearst for our November meeting Meanwhile we will look forward with pleasure to the time when you will be able to favour us We meet in parlours of the Y. M. C. A at say 8 30 P M hopefully and with best wishes believe me to be Sincerely yours

A E Belcher
President

To Sir Robert Falconer
President Toronto University.

October 29th, 1917

Lt.-Colonel A. E. Belcher,

Parliament Buildings,

Toronto.

Dear Colonel Belcher:

I am putting down a fixture for the evening of December 13th at 8:30 in the Y.M.C.A. for my talk to the United Empire Loyalists.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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November 3rd, 1917

Lt.-Colonel Belcher,

President, United Empire Loyalists Association,

Toronto.

Dear Colonel Belcher:

Many thanks for your letter and congratulations.

I have put down 18th December as a fixture.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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December 5th, 1917

Lt.-Colonel Belcher,

32 Elgin Avenue,

Toronto.

Dear Colonel Belcher:

I am keeping December 13th in mind. So far I have not been able to decide upon the subject, but if you think that the subject would be suitable I might speak upon "The Relations caused by the war in the English-speaking world". If you would prefer, however, some other subject I might choose something else.

Yours sincerely,

President.